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TO: ALL COUNTY CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS)
ADMINISTRATORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, CHIEF AND
SUPERVISING THERAPISTS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL
SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF, AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: TRAINING SESSIONS REGARDING THE NEW PROCESS FOR
AUTHORIZATION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Two initial training sessions are being scheduled to discuss the new authorization process for durable medical equipment. These sessions supercede the Northern and Southern California Supervising Therapist meetings. They are scheduled as follows:

Los Angeles

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2004
Time: 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Address: Ronald Reagan Building, Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(Across the street from the Southern California Regional Office)

Sacramento

Date: Monday, January 26, 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Address: 744 P Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

An agenda is enclosed.

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County staff requested to attend are administrators, chief and supervising therapists, supervising nurse case managers, a representative nurse case manager, medical consultants and claims review staff if appropriate.

For questions concerning the training on January 21, 2004, please contact Tracy Johnson, at (213) 897-4492. For questions concerning the training on January 26, 2004, please contact Ken Leach, at (916) 323-8011.

Original Signed by Maridee A. Gregory, M.D.

Maridee A. Gregory, M.D., Chief
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Enclosure

AGENDA

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- I. INTRODUCTION AND JUSTIFICATION
- II. OVERVIEW
- III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
 - Definitions
 - Review of Medi-Cal
 - Rates
 - Review of CCS
 - Comparison of CCS with Medi-Cal
 - Philosophy of CCS Authorizations
- IV. ASSESSING THE LEAST COSTLY ITEM
 - Provider Responsibility
 - Treatment and Justifications
 - Making a Determination
 - Dealing with Technical Information Overload
 - HCPCS Codes
- V. ISSUING THE AUTHORIZATION

- VI. CHANGES IN CLAMING
- VII. CONTROLS FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
- VIII. IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES